Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, April 17, 2008

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Mr. J. Mark Tanner (Chair), Mr. Robert B. Carr, III (Vice-Chair), Ms. Dorothy Malaier, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Tom Bruner, Member, Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew, Member, and Dr. David T. King, Jr., Member. Mr. Markel Wyatt, Member was not present. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel) and Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant).

The meeting was advertised to the public in the *Montgomery Advertiser* and posted on the Board's website (www.algeobd.alabama.gov) as well as the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.al.us).

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 17, 2008 meeting. Dr. Tew made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Carr made a motion to note the Finance Committee's review of the Board's financial report, and accept the report as given. The motion was seconded by Ms. Malaier, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's report, which included the following statistical information:

- A) Number of Licensees (As of March 30, 2008)
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 529
 - a. Alabama (223)
 - b. Out of State (306)
 - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 6
 - 3. Temporary Licensees: 0 (Current)

- B) FY 2007-2008 Budget Info
 - 1. Budget Authorized \$60,000.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers (10/15/07—4/11/08): \$22,183.79
 - 3. Deposits (10/4/07—4/10/08): \$19,600.00
 - 4. Current Cash Balance (As of 03/31/2008): \$49,937.09 (These reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes.)

Mr. Warren also informed the Board of some possible audit findings.

The Board reviewed and discussed the nominations for the Board Member Business Position.

For the business position, Mr. Richard Esposito was selected.

Mr. Warren will submit his name, along with Mr. Esposito's resumes to the Governor's Office, upon receipt.

Mr. Tew made a motion to adopt rule 364-X-13-.03. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the draft of the official ABLPG Complaint Form. The Board Members will review the document and bring comments to the August 7, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Tanner apprised the Board of the next newsletter. The following articles are tentatively scheduled for publishing in the newsletter:

- a) Trends in Licensure Licenses by State
- b) Continuing Education Opportunities
- ASBOG Fundamentals Exam & Geology Student Today
- d) Alabama Geological Society 44th Field Trip (with photo)

Ms. Windom informed the Board of the AG Opinion 2008-038, which affects Board Members who are also state employees.

At 11:00 a.m., Mr. Warren and Ms. Paulene exited the meeting.

Dr. Tew made a motion to accept the Invitation to Bid for Management Services as presented with noted changes to be made by Ms. Windom. Ms. Windom will prepare the documents and deliver to State Purchasing.

At 11:20 a.m., Mr. Warren and Ms. Paulene rejoined the meeting.

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The Board reviewed eight (8) applications for licensure. Dr. Tew made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Malaier, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved application(s) is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board reviewed seven (7) renewal applications and reported Professional Development Hours (PDH), along with supporting documentation provided by the licensees. The Board requested Ms. Paulene to draft a letter to be mailed to each licensee, who, based on the Board's review of supporting documentation, were determined by the Board to have unacceptable and/or insufficient PDHs.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is August 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

The time being 12:42 p.m., and there being no further business, Mr. Carr made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tew and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Malaier

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Secretary/Treasurer

Board Approved Applications for Licensure On April 17, 2008

Approved Geologist Licenses:

Howard Frank—South Carolina by Reciprocity

Ronald S. Higginbotham—Mississippi by Reciprocity

Don A. Lundy—Georgia by Reciprocity

Alec Macbeth—Florida by Reciprocity

Roger J. Paulson—Arkansas by Reciprocity

Charles A. Spiers—Georgia by Reciprocity

Gary Mark Teague—Mississippi by Reciprocity

William A. Rueckert—North Carolina by Reciprocity